

Paul Sutherland

Government/Military



Inducted: 2018
Years at GCI&VS:
1962 - 1967



Paul Sutherland was born in Galt to Dorothy and James Sutherland. He attended Central Public School before entering GCI in 1962. While at GCI, Paul competed on the golf, volleyball, basketball and track teams. He was also a member of the Athletic Council and the Specula Yearbook staff. After graduating from GCI, Paul attended the University of Waterloo, graduating with a Bachelor of Mathematics in 1971 and a Master of Mathematics in 1972. In the summer of 1971 he worked at the National Research Council (NRC) in Ottawa and was awarded the NRC Postgraduate Research Scholarship for studies in Fluid Dynamics from 1971 to 1974.

In 1974, Paul began a 34-year career in the Canadian Public Service as an operational research scientist for the Department of National Defence (DND). He graduated from the Canadian Forces Staff School in 1976 and the United Kingdom's Royal Military College of Science in 1978. His early career focused on acoustic and oceanographic analysis of anti-submarine warfare operations during the Cold War. Paul was seconded to the office of the Chief Scientist Royal Navy where he conducted the final reconstruction and analysis of the 1982 British campaign to recapture the Falkland Islands from Argentina.

Paul held the diplomatic post of Counsellor Defence Research at the Canadian High Commission in London, England from 1989 to 1992. While in London, he served as the technical liaison between DND and the British research community, focusing

on issues related to the first Gulf War. In Canada, Paul completed six appointments with the Royal Canadian Navy where he worked on tactical exercise reconstruction, sovereignty and procurement issues. He also worked with the Canadian Army on combat studies, on wargaming with the Joint Staff and on policy and planning initiatives with Human Resources. Paul was the research advisor to the Admiral commanding Maritime Forces Pacific and Joint Task Force (Pacific) in Esquimalt, BC where he led the team that conducted analysis of tactical, operational and strategic security measures in the Pacific theatre. He worked on optimizing surveillance and reconnaissance of vessels attempting to smuggle migrants into Canada, assessing the impact of critical shipping in the North-East Pacific, providing assessments of geopolitical problem areas in the world and measuring the potential effect of a tsunami on the west coast of Canada.

Paul was the Canadian leader on a panel consisting of scientists from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. In 2005, the countries awarded him the Five-Eyes Achievement Award for excellence and innovation in research and analysis of coalition maritime warfare. During his career, Paul authored or contributed to nearly 100 publications on security issues facing Canada and its allies.

Paul and his wife Willa have two children and reside in British Columbia.